



**WASHINGTON  
STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION  
(SERC)**

**MEETING MINUTES**

June 14, 2011

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

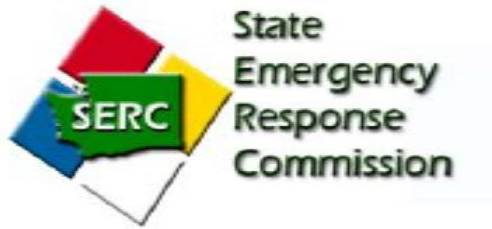
- Mr. Paul Perz, Washington State Patrol - Primary Washington State Patrol Representative
- Mr. Richard Schroedel, Pierce County Emergency Management - Primary Emergency Manager Representative
- Ms. Maillian Uphaus, Washington State Emergency Management Division - Primary Washington State Military Department Representative and Acting (fill-in) SERC Chair
- Mr. John Ridgway, Washington State Department of Ecology - Alternate Washington State Department of Ecology Representative
- Mr. Sam Lorenz, Grant County Department of Emergency Management – Primary Eastside Local Emergency Planning Committee Representative
- John Scheer, Franklin County Emergency Management – Alternate Local Emergency Planning Committee Eastside Representative
- Mr. John Wheeler, Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency – Primary Local Emergency Planning Committee Westside Representative (participated by conference call)
- Ms. Lee Shipman, Shoalwater Bay Tribe – Tribal Representative
- Mr. John Geppert, Primary Department of Labor and Industries Representative
- Mr. Darren James, Alternate Department of Labor and Industries Representative
- Mr. Trace Warner, Primary Department of Health Representative
- Mr. Mark Ligman, Alternate Private Industry Representative

**STATE STAFF and GUESTS PRESENT**

- Mr. Ron Bowen, Washington State Patrol
- Ms. Sadie Whitener, Washington State Department of Ecology
- Mr. Jim Kadrmas, Washington State Emergency Management Division
- Mr. Bob Isaman, Washington State Emergency Management Division
- Ms. Sandi Duffey, Grant County Department of Emergency Management
- Ms. Michelle Haughton, Grant County Department of Emergency Management
- Mr. Creg Freeman, Department of Homeland Security
- Mr. Steve Wilson, Department of Homeland Security
- Mr. Jim Harksen, Department of Homeland Security

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Maillian Uphaus temporarily filling in for Jeff Jensen, the SERC chair. Self-introductions were made by those present.



## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Maillian Uphaus noted that an action item had been omitted from the March 22, 2011 minutes and also failed to be listed in the Unfinished Business section of today's agenda - specifically, the recommendation to develop a lessons learned website concerning events relating to the recent Japan disaster. Maillian directed that the minutes and agenda be corrected to reflect the change and motioned for approval of the March 22, 2011 minutes. The correction was recorded and the motion was passed.

## **CHAIR COMMENTS**

Maillian Uphaus welcomed all members.

## **WORKGROUP REPORTS:**

### **EPCRA Reporting Compliance/ Industry Outreach Sadie Whitener, Washington State Department of Ecology**

- Sadie reported that over 3,300 Tier II Reports have been received and entered into the system with approximately 600 businesses filing late.
- Copies of the Chemicals in Washington State 2009 Summary Report dated June 2011 were provided to members of the commission.

*For further information, contact Ms. Sadie Whitener at (360) 407-6729 or email: [swhi461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:swhi461@ecy.wa.gov).*

### **Training Coordination Ron Bowen, Washington State Patrol**

- Ron reported that the responder hazmat training conducted at the HAMMER training facility was extremely successful. Approximately 175 first responders attended the training, which was conducted from March 31, 2011 through April 3, 2011.
- Planning is underway now for next year's HAMMER Workshop.
- Planning is also underway for the LEPC conference. Although budget constraints caused the cancellation of the conference this year, we expect to be able to hold one next year.
- The Washington State Fire Chiefs Conference was also held in May with approximately 65 people in attendance.
- Over 2,100 responders have been trained by WSP so far this year.
- New courses are being offered this year.
- Three HazMat IQ classes will be held in Seattle next week. All classes are full.
- Providing a chemistry class as well as a sewage treatment plant class in Tacoma.
- Providing a HazMat Safety Officer's Class in Vancouver.
- Working on HMEP Grant training.

*For further information contact Ron Bowen at (360) 596-3923 or e-mail [ron.bowen@wsp.wa.gov](mailto:ron.bowen@wsp.wa.gov)*



## **Training Coordination**

**Stefani Christensen, Washington State Emergency Management**

The following course hand out information was provided to members of the commission.

### ***Report to State Emergency Response Commission - June 14, 2011***

#### ***No Cost Courses Resident Course Completion (100% federally funded)***

#### ***389 Personnel Trained in Resident Hazardous Materials Related Courses***

(names, discipline, dates of training available on request)

#### ***School/Course***

Center for Domestic Preparedness- Anniston, Alabama

85 First Responders Completed – Jul 1, 2010 – Jun 10- 2011

Types of Resident Courses Attended:

Advanced ICS Command and General Staff-Complex Incidents

Basic Agricultural Emergency Response Training for CBRNE Incidents

Emergency Responder Hazardous Materials Technician for CBRNE Incidents

Hands-On Training for CBRNE Incidents

Hazard Assessment and Response Management for CBRNE Incidents

Hazardous Materials Evidence Collection for CBRNE Incidents

Hazardous Materials Technician for CBRNE Incidents

Hospital Emergency Response Training for Mass Casualty Incidents

Incident Command System (ICS) Curricula, Train-the-Trainer

Incident Command: Capabilities, Planning and Response Actions for All Hazards

Initial Law Enforcement Response to Suicide Bomb Attacks

Intermediate Hands-on Training for CBRNE Incidents

Law Enforcement Protective Measures for CBRNE Incidents, Train-the-Trainer

Technical Emergency Response Training for CBRNE Incidents

WMD Hands-On Training

***New Mexico Tech*** (New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology Energetic Materials Research and Testing Center)

#### ***Jul 1, 2010 – June 10, 2011 Resident Course Completions***

#### ***Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings- IRTB (4 days)***

Prepares emergency responders to react effectively, work cooperatively, and apply countermeasures in any incident involving explosives.

#### ***206 First Responders Trained***

#### ***Response to Suicide Bombing Incidents- PRSBI (4 days)***

Provides senior state, tribal and local emergency responders with the knowledge and skills needed to develop policies for the prevention, interdiction, response, and mitigation of a suicide bombing attack.



***45 First Responders Trained***

***Counter Terrorism Operations Support – US DOE Nevada Test Site  
Radiological/Nuclear Course for HazMat Technicians (PER-241)***

***Jul 1, 2010- June 10, 2011***

Instructs first responders on how to respond to an incident involving a radiological or nuclear WMD, such as a Radiological Dispersal Device (RDD, or “Dirty Bomb”) or an Improvised Nuclear Device (IND).

***26 First Responders Trained***

PER-240 WMD Radiological/Nuclear Responder Operations

PER-243 Personal Radiation Detector (PRD)

PER-246 Primary Screener Backpack Basic Course (PSBB)

PER-245 Secondary Screener RIID (SS-RIID)

***15 First Responders Trained***

***West Desert Test Center Dugway, Utah***

Advanced Biological, Chemical and Radiological Training (ACBIRC)

***8 First Responders Trained***

***Transportation Technology Center – Pueblo, COL***

June 30, 2010 – June 10, 2011

Highway Emergency Response Specialist

Tank Car Specialist

HazMat/WMD Specialist for Surface Transportation

7 First Responders Trained

*For further information contact Stefani Christensen at (253) 512-7046 or  
e-mail [s.christensen@emd.wa.gov](mailto:s.christensen@emd.wa.gov)*

**HazMat Response Plan Template Review**

**Bob Isaman, Washington State Emergency Management**

Bob Isaman provided a briefing to the commission on the progress made thus far regarding the review of the State Hazmat Response Plan Template.

- Initial (core) workgroup members consisted of Bob Isaman, Ron (WSP) and Sadie Whitener (DOE).
- Work sessions have been conducted between the core working group members and the initial draft is well established.
- Will now expand the workgroup to include Richard Schroedel, the Pierce County Emergency Management - Primary Emergency Manager Representative and John Wheeler, the Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency – Primary Local Emergency Planning Committee Westside Representative.
- The expanded workgroup will continue it work on the plan and will provide a status update to the members of the SERC during the SERC meeting in September. Bob will provide read ahead copies to the members of the SERC no later than Sept 1, 2011.



- The question was asked if it will be “mandatory” to use the template. “Mandatory” use will be decided on by the SERC. Recommendations regarding the template’s mandatory use are to be provided to the SERC by members of the workgroup and other members of the Commission.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Subject: Recommendation to establish a Lessons Learned website concerning events relating to the recent Japan disaster.

- No official website has been established specifically for the recent Japan disaster. However, lessons learned regarding the event as well as other information and can be found by accessing FEMA’s password protected Lesson’s Learned Information Sharing website at <https://www.llis.dhs.gov/index.do>
- Preparedness information regarding radiation exposure, tsunami, hazardous materials events and other events may be accessed at EMD’s website at <http://www.emd.wa.gov>

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### ***The Boeing Company – Mark Ligman.***

- Mark Ligman provided an overview of the Boeing Company and some of the changes that are taking place.
- Mark wanted to assure the members of the committee that the Boeing Company remains committed to the SERC and has a strong desire to remain an active member.
- Boeing will be conducting an Integrated Emergency Management Course at Boeing this year.
- Mark suggested that we hold our December SERC Meeting at the Boeing facility located in Renton, followed by a tour.

For further information contact Mark Ligman at (206) 662-0240 or e-mail [mark.e.ligman@boeing.com](mailto:mark.e.ligman@boeing.com)

### ***Chemical Facility Anti-terrorism Standards (CFATS) – Jim Harksen***

Jim Harksen from the Department of Homeland Security provided a briefing on Chemical Facilities Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS).

For information regarding the CFATS program, contact a CFATS representative at [cfats@dhs.gov](mailto:cfats@dhs.gov)

## **ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION**

John Ridgway – Will work to get spill response legislation information out.

Sadie Whitener – No comments



Mark Ligman – No comments

Sam Lorenz – Sam reported that this will be his last SERC meeting as he will be retiring in August.

John Geppert – John reported that recent legislation has been passed to regulate occupational exposure to hazardous drugs.

Lee Shipman – Lee reports that their tribe has received eight HAZWOPPER certificates. She also thanked Mark Ligman for his insistence in getting her involved with emergency planning and preparedness, and Ron Bowen and Sadie Whitener for their ongoing support.

Trace Warner – No comments

Ron Bowen – No comments

Richard Schroedel – No comments

John Wheeler – No comments

Jim Kadrmas –

- SERC Meeting will be Sept 29 during the WSEMA Conference
- HAMMER Workshop will be Mar 30 – Apr 1, 2012
- LEPC Conf will be May 14-17, 2012 probably at Campbell's Resort in Chelan
- HMEP preliminary award received. \$350,570, down from \$353,783 last year. \$256,188 will go to WSP for responder training and \$76,844 will go to LEPCs and/or tribal governments for planning. Grant application packets sent to LEPC POC's on May 3, 2011. \$8,000 max award and \$1,000 minimum award. Packets due to Jim no later than Aug 15, 2011.
- ERG's: Expect to receive US DOT's request for numbers in July. Have not received numbers from Columbia, Ferry, Pacific, Skamania or Wahkiakum Counties.

## **NEXT /FUTURE MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on September 29, 2011 from 10:00 to 12:00. The meeting location will be at the Red Lion Hotel in Port Angeles and will take place during the last day of the WSEMA Conference.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Maillian Uphaus informed the group that this would be her last meeting as she will also be retiring at the end of this Month. John Ridgway acknowledged that Maillian and Sam's contributions to the SERC have been significant and that their support and friendship will be sorely missed. All members of the SERC agreed and thanked Maillian and Sam for their many years of service.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Maillian Uphaus commented that the meeting was very productive and thanked everyone for their attendance. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.